GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:539
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2008
FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS AND SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals from the State Governments including West Bengal for financial assistance for 'development of Parks/Sanctuaries' are pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the financial assistance sought for the projects, State-wise;

(c) the time by which the proposals are likely to be cleared;

(d) whether the Union Government proposes to increase the assistance for the States including West Bengal under the said Scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 539 DUE FOR REPLY ON 30.4.2008 REGARDING "FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS AND SANCTUARIES" BY SHRI HITEN BARMAN.

(a) to (c) Based on the Annual Plan of Operations received, Government of India provides financial and technical assistance to State/UT Governments including West Bengal for the conservation and development of National Parks and Sanctuaries under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme-"Assistance for Development of National Park and Sanctuaries". Such proposals are processed by the Central Government subject to the availability of funds and fulfillment of necessary procedural requirements.During the current financial year i.e. 2008-09, no proposals have been received under the Scheme from the State/UT Governments.

(d)& (e) During the current financial year i.e. 2008-09, allocation under the Scheme has been increased to Rs. 80.00 crores from Rs. 62.00 crores during last financial year i.e. 2007-08. However, there is no fixed State-wise allocation.